

[English]

Confederation of Engineering Industry

3613. • SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:
SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Confederation of Engineering Industry (CEI) in the country:

(b) the number of CEI/companies in the State of Karnataka;

(c) whether there is a proposal to increase the number of such companies in Karnataka in near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) There is only one Confederation of Engineering Industry which has been re-named as Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) effective from 1st January, 1992.

(b) There are 253 CII member companies in the State of Karnataka.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) CII Karnataka membership approximately covers more than 50% from the SSI Sector, 30% from the Medium Sector and 10% from the Large Sector. There is a proposal to increase the number of companies in the membership of CII in the near future to ensure that CII represents broadly the entire spectrum of Industry.

Rise in Subsidy Under IRDP

3614. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to raise the subsidy of the beneficiaries under IRDP during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the poverty line has been proposed to be increased to Rs. 11,000/- from April 1, 1992; and

(d) if so, the propose subsidy for each beneficiary for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and general respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe beneficiaries under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) are being provided 50% subsidy for economic activities subject to ceiling of Rs. 5000/- per family. For Small farmers, the subsidy is limited to 25% of the investment cost. For marginal farmers, agricultural labourers, non-agricultural labourers and rural artisans the subsidy is limited upto 33 1/3%. For the category of small farmers, agricultural labourers, non-agricultural labourers and rural artisans, the limit of subsidy of Rs. 3000/- per family in non-DPAP and DDP areas and Rs. 4000/- in DPAP and DDP areas.

Unauthorised Overseas Recruiting Agents

3615. SHRI RAM NIHORE RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unauthorised Overseas Recruiting Agents operating in the country; and

(b) the action taken/proposed to be taken against such unauthorised agents?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) (a) and (b). The complaints against unauthorised overseas Recruiting Agents, as and when received in the Ministry of Labour, are referred to the Police Authorities for appropriate action. During the years 1986 to 1990, 1022 complaints against the unauthorised Recruiting Agents were referred to the Police Authorities.

Impact of Subsidy Cut on Fertilizers

3616. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cut in subsidy on fertilizers has badly affected the price of fertilizers in the market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the exemption to small and marginal farmers is still continued; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof; and the alternative measures proposed to assist the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN) (a) and (b). The price of fertilizers in the market has been affected to the extent of increase in fertilizer prices by 30% on an average w.e.f. 14th August, 1991.

(c) and (d). The scheme for assisting the small and marginal farmers to buy fertilizers at pre-revised rates is continuing during 1991-92.

BHEL unit of Ramachandarpuram, Hyderabad

3617. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether one of the BHEL's major production units at Ramachandarpuram in Hyderabad is facing an uncertain future with dwindling orders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have probed the reasons for the recession of this unit; and

(d) if so, the remedial measures proposed to be undertaken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b): BHEL's production unit at Ramachandarpuram, Hyderabad is presently having a lean order book position for their products like thermal sets, gas turbine generator sets and oil rigs.

(c) and (d). The capacity utilisation of BHEL and its units is under constant review by the Government in order to ensure that manufacturing facilities are adequately utilised. Besides BHEL is taking the following steps to improve the situation:-

- (i) Increase exports;
- (ii) Make bids with consortium arrangements;
- (iii) Diversification into new areas of Business with the intention of making use of existing facilities.